Appeal to Newfoundland Loggers:

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Strike, Union 'Failures' Premier Tells Province

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Smallwood last night advised Newfoundland's 20,000 loggers to send the International Woodworkers of America "out of the province" and organize a new union of their own.

He offered his services "day and night" to bring this about and suggested they might join with Newfoundland fishermen in one large provincial union.

In a radio and television speech he said the strike of 1,200 IWA pulpwood loggers against the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company "is a failure and the IWA itself is a failure."

It was the premier's first public intervention in the strike, which has been marked by violence.

"The IWA has failed the loggers of Newfoundland and failed the loggers' families," he said. "In my opinion the IWA never will and never can win in Newfoundland."

Mr. Smallwood said that a few weeks ago he sent a "considerable number of level-headed Newfoundlanders" through central and northern Newfoundland where 98 per cent of the Anglo-Nefoundland loggers work.

"They had strict orders from me to keep their mouths closed and their ears open . . . They were to learn what the people were thinking about the strike."

The premier also said he also heard from a great many clergymen and dozens of "decent citizens."

"Here is what the people are thinking:

"1. The loggers must have a good strong union.

"2. It would be a disaster for the loggers to be without a good strong union.

"3. The IWA is a failure, and the strike never should have been called.

"4. The great majority of loggers want to get back to work.

"5. The premier should step in and try to do something to help the loggers in their plight."

The IWA loggers voted to strike Dec. 31 for a five-cent-an-hour increase during the next two years and a six-hour reduction in the work week to 54 hours with the same take-home pay. Their demands would boost the basic wage to $1.22 from $1.05.

The IWA, an international union, has been organizing Newfoundland loggers who formerly belonged to local Newfoundland unions.

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PREMIER SMALLWOOD
". . . unnecessary strike"

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Charges Reviewed

VANCOUVER (CP)—Claude Ballard of Portland, Ore., international vice-president of the International Woodworkers of America, said last night he planned to call an immediate council of union officials to review charges against the IWA made by Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland.

Mr. Ballard declined further comment and said a formal statement will be issued today.

RCMP Defended

OTTAWA (CP) — Justice Minister Fulton said Thursday the RCMP has at all times acted in a legal manner to prevent disorders in the strike of loggers in Newfoundland.

Without specifying the actions he referred to, Mr. Fulton said the RCMP, acting as a provincial police force under the Newfoundland attorney-general, took precautions to prevent disorders.

Mr Fulton said the RCMP also has never attempted to escort anyone through picket lines thrown up by striking members of the International Woodworkers' of America. They had been called to picket lines when disturbances were reported.

Prayer Day

Women of four Langford area churches will take part in the "World Day of Prayer" service to be held in Gordon United Church today at 2 p.m.

Newfoundland 'Plight' Cited

Newfoundland's "deplorable" 60-hour work week and general working conditions have inspired a protest resolution on the part of the Victoria branch of the B.C. Government Employees' Association.

The general meeting's resolution stressed the "plight" of the 1,200 IWA loggers now striking for a reduction of the 60-hour week to 54 hours.

The asociation pointed out that a conciliation board has unanimously recommended the reduction in hours, with the same take-home pay, as well as other improvements in the loggers' working conditions.

Board report was accepted by the IWA, the resolution continues, but not by the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company.

"The company president, in rejecting it, declared time and time again, that his company did not intend to pioneer in the reduction of the 60-hour week."

In sending the "strongest protest" to the Newfoundland government, the association asks the support of the association executive, Canadian Labor Congress and the International Federation of Free Trade Unions.

The protest demands that "hours-of-labor legislation be passed, giving the workers of that province the same rights and privileges as those enjoyed by the majority of the workers throughout this country."

Tree frogs, or tree toads, have discs on their fingers and toes to help climb shrubs and low trees.

Arbitration Tribunals Urged for Disputes

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian Federation of Agriculture Thursday urged establishment of legislative tribunals to arbitrate labor disputes, when necessary.

Labor Party Backed

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia district, International Woodworkers of America, Wednesday night gave its approval to efforts to replace the CCF in Canada.

Delegates to the 22nd annual convention here approved formation of a "national federated labor party in line with Canadian Labor Congress policy."

Although the adopted political action resolution disposed of others designed to assure financial and other support to the existing CCF party, it left officially unanswered the forthcoming action of the union towards the CCF if a provincial election is called in 1959.

Joe Morris, who first became president of the IWA in B.C. in 1953, was nominated for his fourth term in office. His was the only name submitted for the referendum ballot which will go out to the IWA's 32,000 members in B.C. and Alberta.

George Mitchell was re-elected as secretary.

Among others nominated for the referendum ballot was Cliff Michael, Victoria, as secretary, district safety council.

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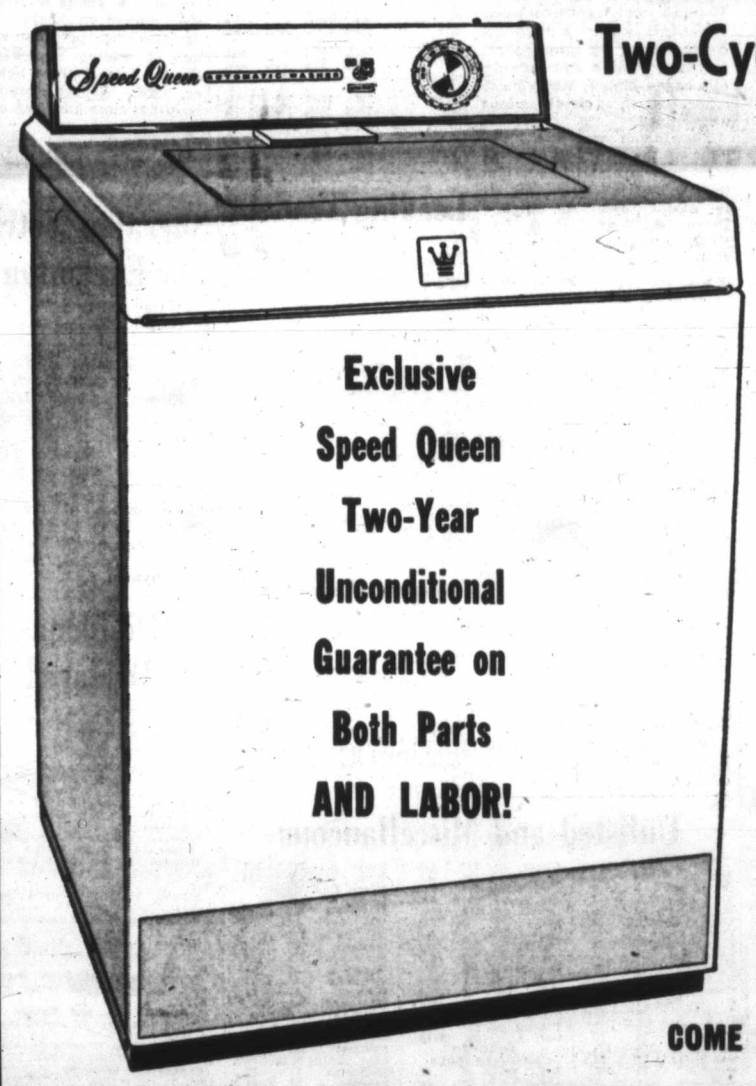

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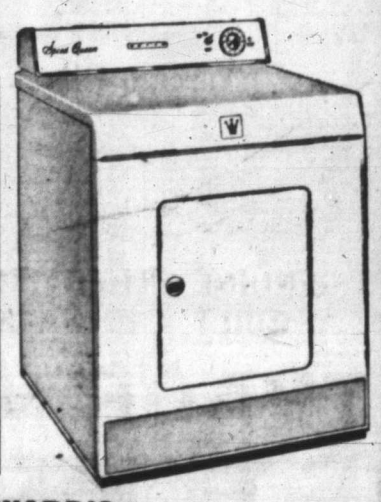

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